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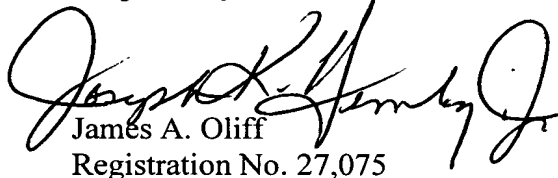
Please cancel claims 1-2 and 5-6 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

REMARKS

Claims 3 and 4 are pending. This Preliminary Amendment corrects minor typographical errors in the parent application. Prompt and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

The attached Appendix includes marked-up copies of each rewritten paragraph (37 C.F.R. 1.121(b)(1)(iii)) and claim (37 C.F.R. 1.121(c)(1)(ii)).

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APPENDIX

Changes to Specification:

Page 2, lines 12-19:

In the step of processing the medium facing surface, it is required that the MR height and the throat height of the thin-film magnetic head element formed in the bar each fall within a tolerance range and that processing accuracy of the surface processed falls within a tolerance range. The MR height is the length (height) between the end of the MR element close to the medium facing surface and the opposite end. The throat height is the length (height) of the magnetic pole of an induction magnetic transducer, ~~from the medium facing surface in the induction magnetic transducer.~~

Changes to Claims:

Claims 1-2 and 5-6 are canceled.

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